

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on 08/30/2006. In the Office Action, claims 38-56 were made subject to a restriction requirement.

Please enter the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 38-56 were previously pending. Claims 48-56 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 38-47 remain at issue in the patent application. Of the claims pending, claims 38 and 43 are independent claims.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added through these amendments.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In section 1 of the Office Action, Claims 38-56 were made subject to a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121 as follows:

I. Claims 38-47, drawn to invention I, classified in class 348, subclass 725.

II. Claims 48-56, drawn to invention II, classified in class 348, subclass 564.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects invention I of claims 38-47 without traverse.

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 48-56 without prejudice to comply with the restriction requirement.

CONCLUSION

A first examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is hereby respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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